Heart to Heart

Newsletter of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Luton
Diocese of Northampton, Deanery of St Alban
Registered Charity Number: 234091

YEAR A – Sunday 28th June 2026
SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	**Saturday: Their sound goes forth through all the earth** **Sunday: From all my terrors the Lord set me free.**

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Saturday 27th June **WARDOWN PARK**	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm** **12Noon-8.00pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Mary Bridget & Patrick McGovern RIP **Churches Together in Luton – Praise in the Park**	
Sunday 28th June **PARISH HALL** **Luton Church Cemetery**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **CrawleyGreen Road** **3.00pm**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Danny Bonner RIP (3rdAnniversary) **INTERNATIONAL BRING & SHARE LUNCH** **Blessing of the Graves**	**SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES AND MARTYRS**
Monday 29th June	**9.30am**	Gary Coyle RIP	
Tuesday 30th June	**9.30am**	**Healing (Private Intention)** **PRAYER GROUP:** : Prayer for our needs, those of the Parish and beyond	
Wednesday 1st July	**9.30am**	Joan & Harry Marsh RIP	
Thursday 2nd July	**NO MASS** **10.00am-12 Noon**	 **THURSDAY CLUB**	
Friday 3rd July	**9.30am**	Gary Coyle RIP	**ST THOMAS, APOSTLE**
Saturday 4th July	**5.45pm** **600pm-6.20pm** **6.30pm**	Evening Prayer Confession Ned Walsh RIP	
Sunday 5th July **PARISH HALL**	**8.30am** 9.00am **11.00am** **Teas and Coffees** **BAPTISM**	Morning Prayer People of Our Parish Catherine Henry RIP **Kiaan & Kyran Kawal**	**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

PARISH HALL: Open after Sunday 11.00am Mass for teas and coffees. All welcome!

CONFESSION: Confessions are available 6.00pm - 6.20pm every Saturday, or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER: 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY: For respect for human life
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If you wish to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or to ask for a relative/friend then please contact Fr Allan or telephone/email the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass intentions moved for unforeseen reasons (e.g. funerals) will be honoured on another day. Please provide contact details when requesting intentions and check the weekly newsletters.

BISHOP DAVID: The Diocese of Northampton issued a statement on Wednesday 24th June which can be read here **www.northamptondiocese.org/home-page/statement/**

RIP: Please remember John Prosper (Husband of Veronica), Richard Casey (Husband of Anne), Martha Whitaker and Marianne Matthews who died recently. Please remember John, Richard, Martha and Marianne in your prayers and keep their families and friends in your thoughts and prayers at this very sad and difficult time.

FUNERAL DETAILS:
Martha Whitaker RIP, Service on Tuesday 14th July at The Vale Cemetery (Cedar Chapel) at 12.30pm
Richard Casey RIP, Requiem on Thursday 16th July at Sacred Heart at 1.00pm
John Prosper RIP, Requiem on Monday 20th July at Sacred Heart at 11.00am
Marianne Matthews RIP, Service on Tuesday 21st July at The Vale Crematorium at 3.00pm

THURSDAY CLUB: Please contact anyone that you may feel would benefit from attending the Thursday Club and extend a warm welcome to come along to Sacred Heart's Parish Hall to have a chat and a cup of tea - **Thursday 10.00am-12 Noon**. All welcome!

PARISHIONERS: There are many parishioners who are unwell at the moment, both at home and in hospital. The Church is not always notified. Please let the Parish Office know if you are aware of a parishioner who is unwell (name/address/telephone number or family contact details).

INTERNATIONAL BRING AND SHARE LUNCH: Sunday 28th June in the Parish Hall after 11.00am Mass. Just turn up with a plate to share. Feel free to dress up in national costumes and dress. Everyone is welcome.

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION: Figures for w/e 21.06.26 Envelopes £461.00; Loose Cash £357.01; Total £818.01 Thank you. Second Collection, Day for Life £337.36 Thank you. Many parishioners give faithfully through the offertory collection each week. Did you know that if you are a UK taxpayer, your gift could be worth 25% more at no extra cost to you? Through Gift Aid, a donation of £10 becomes £12.50 — and we can even reclaim up to four years of past donations. Signing up is simple, confidential, and makes a big difference to parish life. Find out more at:
https://northamptondiocese.org/gift-aid/

YOUTH STRATEGY FOR LUTON & DUNSTABLE: Thursday 9th July, from 7:30-9:00pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre (Mother's Room), invitation to anyone from Luton and Dunstable interested in, or currently engaged with youth ministry to meet together as part of the Discernment Process. We'll pray, discuss ideas, and map out what is currently happening for youth in Luton and Dunstable.
The Northampton Youth Ministry Office (NYMO) team will also be there to share an initiative for all those wanting to work with, or already working within youth ministry in Luton and Dunstable. Come along to find out more and help shape the future of youth ministry in Luton and Dunstable.

LUTON PASTORAL AREA & DUNSTABLE & the POLISH PARISH: ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS for September 2027: Catholic Schools may ask for your priest to sign a form stating that you are a practising Catholic family. If you need this for any Catholic school within or without the diocese **you must collect a SIGN UP CARD. (Cards are available in the Foyer.)**
On given Sundays in the coming months your priest will stamp this card if you are present at Mass with the child[ren] involved. If you are away a priest in the parish where you go to Mass may sign it for you. **The responsibility for this lies with you as parents/guardians/carers alone.**
You must be registered as parishioners to eventually receive a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

SIGN UP SUNDAY: This weekend 27th/28th June is a Sign Up Sunday. Please make sure you are registered as parishioners through the CASPAR link. Sign Up Cards are available in the Foyer. The responsibility for this lies with you as parents/guardians/carers alone.

CONFIRMATION: Congratulations to Solan who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during last weekend's Bethany Mass. Please continue to remember Solan and his family in your prayers. Thank you to all who attended the Bethany Mass and to those who served refreshments in the Hall afterwards.t

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LUTON: PRAISE IN THE PARK – Free Entry – 27th June from 12 Noon-8.00pm, Wardown Park, Luton LU2 7HA. All welcome – Music, Community, Unity. See Poster in the Foyer.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist at Sacred Heart on 7th June and on 14th June. **Certificates will be available for collection after all Masses 4th/5th July.** Please continue to keep all our young parishioners in your prayers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES:
Sunday 28th June – Luton Church Cemetery, Crawley Green Road 3.00pm;
Sunday 5th July – Luton General Cemetery, Rothesay Road 3.00pm;
Sunday 12th July – The Vale Cemetery, Butterfield Green Road 3.00pm

CSSA THEMATIC INSPECTION: SURVIVOR ENGAGEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has launched a public survey as part of its thematic inspection on survivor engagement and support. Victims and survivors of abuse—whether recent or historic—are invited to share their experiences of contact with dioceses and Religious Life Groups.
In Northampton, we continue to walk alongside survivors through initiatives such as the Healing Garden at Northampton Cathedral. Survivors are encouraged to participate in the survey, helping shape a safer Church for all. Visit:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tlVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzlLTEdTWkUySjhaTlU0QURaOU05SC4u

FIDDLES, FLUTES 'N' COWBOY BOOTS: A day filled with warmth, smiles, dancing & live music for the whole family. Saturday 4th July 2026 at Stockwood Park Rugby Club, London Rd, Luton LU1 3RN
Buy Tickets online on ffcbfestival.com or contact fiddlesnflutes@btinternet.com or mobile tel:07810153828. Do try and come - raffle money goes to local charities

PARISH OUTREACH DAY: Saturday 11th July 2026; 11:00am – 3:00pm St John the Apostle Parish, Luton
Come along for a day focused on the joy of the Gospel. The day will include prayer, input and an opportunity to join others in sharing the Gospel in practical ways. Everyone is welcome. No previous experience is necessary. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please bring a packed lunch.
For more information and to register, please visit The Joy of the Gospel – Luton – 11th July 2026 on the Northampton Diocese website, or contact 07886 346047 / 07543 748193.

WEBELIEVE - Festival of Catholic Life: Friday 24th - Monday 27th July 2026 at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Join us from 24th-27th July at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott, for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. Book your tickets at **webelievefestival.com**

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday 1st August 2026. Led by Bishop Peter Collins (East Anglia). Coaches leave St Mary's Dunstable at 7.20am, St Joseph's Luton at 7.40am (No parking – Vigil Mass that evening), Our Lady's Luton at 8.00am. Adults £27.00, children, teenagers and students £8.00. Seats reserved only with payment. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. **For more information go to www.prolifepilgrimage.org and to book kevin.drew@btinternet.com or 07802 525581.**

SUNDAY MISSAL 2027: If you wish to order a Sunday Missal for 2027, please speak to Judy in the Repository. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be limited parking in the Church Car Park this Saturday 27th due to the Parish Hall being used for a private event. Please allow extra time if attending the 6.30pm Mass.

MEN'S SHED – SUNDON PARK: Thursday 10:30am–12:30pm, at St John's Parish Centre, Sundon Park Road, Luton, LU3 3AL. Men's Sheds are friendly, informal places for men 55+ to meet people, enjoy a cuppa, share skills, learn something practical, and spend time in good company—whether you're handy with tools or just fancy a chat. Everyone is welcome—bring a friend. For more information, contact Joe on 07939 190424 or Deacon Jim Hannigan 07756 685220

DONATION: Thank you for the very generous donation received to pay for the new Hymn Books for Sacred Heart. The benefactor has asked to remain anonymous. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

DIOCESAN RESIDENTIAL YOUTH WEEKEND: Young people from across the diocese are invited to join a residential summer weekend filled with games, discussions, activities, socialising, and prayer. This will take place on 17th-19th July 2026 at Buckden Towers, St Neots, and is aimed at young people aged 11-18. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, reconnect with old friends, and take a break from everyday life in a relaxed and supportive environment. The cost of the weekend includes accommodation, all meals, and organised social activities. There will also be a tuck shop available throughout the weekend, so participants may wish to bring some spending money for additional snacks. The diocesan youth team will be staying on site for the full weekend, providing supervision, support, and pastoral care. Young people will stay in shared rooms at Buckden Towers. If you have any questions about room arrangements, or if you need support with transport, please contact **nymo.admin@northamptondiocese.com.** **Booking is essential, and places must be paid for in advance.** If you have any concerns about the cost of the weekend, please get in touch - happy to discuss support options in confidence.

SAVE THE DATE: DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES: The annual Mass for Marriage and Families is a popular Diocesan event returning again at Northampton Cathedral on **5th September 2026 at noon**. All are welcome, and as usual we look to congratulate couples celebrating milestone anniversaries this year. Please mark your diary, and watch for a registration link coming soon.

FAITH ART PRIZE 2026: Artists of all background are invited to submit work to The Faith Art Prize, where they could share in a total prize fund of £30,000. The international competition, formerly known as the Laudamus Award, explores faith, devotion and spirituality. **The deadline is 5pm on 1st October**, and the entry fee is £15 for one piece of work, £25 for two, or £35 for three. Up to 100 shortlisted works will be exhibited at Westminster Cathedral in London from 9th-13th November. You can find out more and enter, at **https://artopps.co.uk/opportunities/thefaithartprize**

RIP ANNIVERSARIES: Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Sheila Egan 2020; Patrick Leonard 1976; Colin Draper 1983; Edward Greaves 1992;
Diane Langan 2006; Maureen Muttock 2014; Agnes Lang 2011; Sarah Courtney 2020;
Francis Bradley 1995; William Connaghton 2005; Jean Blake 2006; Francis Lynch 1969;
Joseph Oates 1980; Maureen Muttock 2014; Geralando Salamone 2023; Daniel Bonner 2023;
Kyle Brown 1988; Lazlo Joszef Demeter 2014; Sarah Gravatt1993; Mr Golding1993;
John Monaghan 1999; Ellen (Nellie) Barber 2000; James McNulty 2004; Joseph Smith 2006;
June Everitt 2003; Maria Mini 2012 ✠ **May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen**

PARISH REGISTRATION: To complete your parish registration, please use the QR code at the top of the Newsletter on the right, or go to **www.caspar.church/me?ID=56040**, or contact the parish office for assistance.

If you do not have an email address then please pick up a form in the Foyer to give your authority for the Parish Office to register you. Please remember to include the following information on the back of the form: Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (if applicable).